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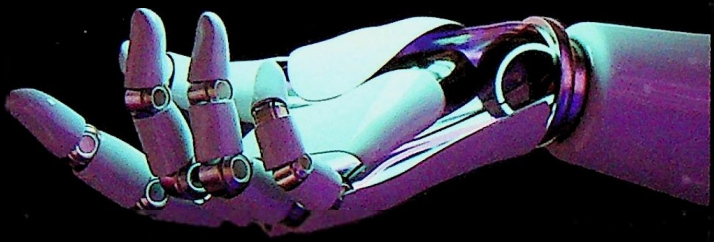

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Front cover: A programmable robotic hand. This hand is direct empirical evidence for its designer and maker and clearly proves intentionality, purpose and the attributes of knowledge, will, wisdom and power. Man boasts and praises himself for such an achievement.

However, he falsely claims that the thing he mimicked—a vastly superior real hand—is merely the product of blind, random, undirected forces and can only be credited to nature or inanimate matter because the simple, rational and alternative conclusion is too traumatic for his ego.

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Note:

1. The word "God" is used in this book to refer to the Creator and Maker to make for easier reading for non-Muslims, however, the proper name of this Creator is "Allāh".

2. The translation of the Qur'ān into another language is not possible without loss of context and meaning due to the nature and uniqueness of the Arabic language, which is the purest, richest and most precise of all languages. Translations of the verses of the Qur'ān are approximate meanings.

3. *Atheism* is belief in the non-existence of God,[1] but is tactically reframed as "absence of belief in God" to avoid scrutiny of this positive belief in the same way that belief in God is scrutinized.

Materialism is the belief that everything is reducible to matter and physical processes and that whatever is not perceptible does not exist.

Philosophical naturalism is similar to materialism, the belief that the natural, material, perceptible world is all there is.

4. The meaning of the word "religion" (*dīn*) in Islām, as explained by some Muslim scholars, is any set of ideas or beliefs and the actions and behaviours based upon them.

Hence, everybody has a religion by necessity, even atheists, given that they have beliefs and ideas about existence, the world and life, and they have personal rules, morals and principles built upon those ideas which govern their behaviour.

Some prominent atheists readily acknowledge that they are following a secular religion.

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[1] "Atheism is the position that affirms the nonexistence of God. It proposes positive disbelief rather than mere suspension of belief." *Concise Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, London and New York: Routledge, 2000, p. 62.

All praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds and peace and salutations be upon His Prophets and Messengers who brought beneficial knowledge, right guidance, just law and glad tidings to the righteous. The last of the Prophets and Messengers was Muḥammad, may Allāh make good mention of him in the highest company and grant him safety and peace.

Foreword

Atheists disbelieve in a Creator, hold that the natural, perceived and detectable material world is all that exists and that science[2] is the only credible means of knowing what is true and real.[3] Atheists define atheism as "*a lack of belief in God (or gods)*". They are careful to point out that atheism is "*not a belief system, nor is it a religion.*" Some of them also make a very careful distinction between "*being without a belief in God*" and "*denying the existence of God.*"

These are tactical definitions, intended to remove any burden of proof from the atheist and to shield him or her from any scrutiny.

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[2] While noting the difference between **scientific atheism** as a philosophy and religion and the **scientific method** as a tool and method of inquiry and investigation.

[3] This is a philosophical belief and has not been verified and proven by the scientific method itself.

It appears that atheists engineer this position so that they do not have any position which can be scrutinised, evaluated and argued against. From this glass house, they are able to throw stones at others.

Consequently, as a convenient defence mechanism they routinely claim that their position or view has been "misrepresented" and that "atheism" is not this nor that.

Despite their acceptance of modern cosmology religion, which is the Big-Bang model, neo-Darwinism and other materialist dogmas resting on conjectures, assumptions and speculations which are unsupported by the scientific method, they are able to maintain the illusion that they only accept "facts", not beliefs and are somehow intellectually superior to believers in God.

From this vantage point, they reject and mock what is plain and obvious to the physical senses: that there is **intentionality** in creation and they treat the various observed and experienced signs (*ayāt*) as unreal and mere illusions of intentionality and design. Basically, "nature" is playing a great confidence trick on their senses.

In reality, they are modern-day nature worshippers who strip the Creator of His attributes and then cryptically assign them to "nature" through sophisticated inventive theories and deceptive language used to describe them.

This small treatise explores this subject matter.

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1. Introduction

Atheism, **Materialism** and **Philosophical Naturalism**, reduced to their true foundations, **are cryptic forms of nature worship**. Atheists are sophisticated versions of the ancient primitives. The ancients, on account of ignorance and emotions, attributed divine qualities to natural entities and phenomena after observing their latent power and life force.

The difference between the two groups is that the ancients were consistent and went on to worship nature. The moderns, however, who also confer divine qualities to nature—though in a highly technical, cryptic and disguised manner—do so out of pure arrogance.

It is to avoid acknowledging a "**cosmic authority**" over the universe which they find emotionally and psychologically disturbing.[4]

Materialist philosophy is a by-product of this emotional discomfort. It is not a by-product of science.

Inventive theories, assumptions and conjectures clothed as "science" are used to justify the materialistic atheistic world view to make it appear scientific and

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[4] Those who deny the existence of a creator are largely driven by psychological reasons. They are unable to reconcile their perception and understanding of what takes place in the world with purposeful creation. Citing their inability to find the world morally intelligible, they feel uncomfortable that there should be an authority over the universe. This mental condition is known as "**cosmic authority syndrome**".

factual, when it is actually philosophical, emotional and psychological in nature.

As such, Atheism, Materialism and Philosophical Naturalism are conjectural, speculative, pessimistic belief systems concealed with a false cover of science to give them a cloak of authenticity and authority.

They are routinely and cleverly defined as "*absence of belief in a creator*" so as to avoid the burden of proof being applied to them and to disguise the fact that they are positively asserted conjectural belief systems.

They are more accurately defined as "*speculative belief in the absence of a creator*".

This is of course pure conjecture for which the Atheists have no proof. In order to explain creation, they ascribe divine qualities to nature and matter in a cryptic manner, through complex, technical language. This can be found in theories of the origin of life and origin of the universe which drive the materialist, atheist world view.

2. The Necessity of a Being that is Uncreated and Eternal

The **originated**, **emergent** and **created nature** of what is observed around us of the signs in the heavens above, within the Earth, and within ourselves, is known through sensory perception and does not require any further evidence.[5]

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[5] Refer to Ibn Taymiyyah in *Dar' al-Ta'ārud* (7/219).

The vast, interconnected system of causes and effects —through which creation operates, life emerges and subsistence is possible—require an external agent for them to be placed and arranged in the way they are. There is no dispute regarding this among intelligent people.

The Muslim scholar, Ibn Taymiyyah (d. 1328) said: "The basic foundation of the knowledge of a maker is innate and necessary. It is more deeply rooted in the souls than elementary knowledge of math such as our saying 'one is half of two' and elementary knowledge of natural reality such as our saying 'a body cannot be in two places at the same time.'"[6] Another Muslim scholar, al-Rāghib al-Asfāhani (d. 1108) explained that a generalized knowledge of a Maker is firmly-rooted in the soul, and it is the knowledge of every person that he is made (produced).[7]

The real dispute is about what this cause, agent, creator or maker is and to what or whom creation can be ascribed.

There are only four possibilities:

1) pure nothingness,

2) nature,

3) some other creation, like aliens and

4) an uncreated, eternal being.

As for the first, pure nothingness, this is impossible by rational necessity. What is non-existent cannot bring

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[6] *Majmū' al-Fatāwā* (2/15-16).

[7] *Al-Dharī'ah ilā Makārim al-Shari'ah* (p. 199).

anything else into existence, because it was not able to bring itself into existence.

Ibn Taymiyyah said: "The occurrence of a newly-arisen entity or event (*ḥādith*) without an originating cause (*muḥdith*) is known to be futile by necessity of reason. This is firmly entrenched in [the innate disposition] of the offspring of Ādam. Even the children, if a child was given a strike and he asked, 'Who hit me?' and he was told, 'No one struck you', his intellect would not accept that a strike took place without a doer! For this reason if someone permitted for a piece of writing, a construction, or a plant and their likes to appear without an originating agent, then to intelligent people he would be either insane or a sophist, being like the one who rejects the most elementary of sciences and the most necessary types of knowledge."[8]

As for the second, nature, then this is a reference to entities, particles, forces and their properties. However, this does not answer who or what originated it all, but answers a different question, which is how does creation function. What is really going on here is similar to a cash machine which dispenses cash. Explaining exactly how the cash comes out, from a technical and engineering point of view, is answering the question of how, not the question of who, what and why.

This is the same with all scientific knowledge about nature. Claiming to understand and explain how nature works does not answer the question of who or what

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[8] *Al-Jawāb al-Ṣaḥīh* (3/203).

originated it, made it function the way it does and tied all of the causes to their effects.

From here a claim can be made that although matter is eternal, it is fluctuation, motion and disturbance therein that led to the universe and all that is in it.

The answer to this is as follows:

a) Matter that is inorganic always remains dead and consciousness and life cannot emanate from it. No experimental or scientific evidence demonstrates that life can or did emanate from matter in the absence of agency and intentionality.

b) Matter is not rational, cannot think and does not have self-awareness.

c) Matter does not have a will and cannot pursue goals and objectives, it does not have power. Hence, it cannot produce that which has will and power (life, humans).

d) Random physicochemical interactions cannot produce an organised, intelligible, rationally investigable universe.[9]

Hence, this claim is not based on scientific evidence that follows the scientific method.

It is simply make-believe propped up with mathematics and creative, inventive imagination that is divorced from reality.

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[9] This is posited theoretically and probability mathematics is used to make it appear possible. From here, a theoretical possibility is upgraded to blind belief in its occurrence with inventive theory. This is make-believe and self-delusion.

As for the third, aliens, which is another life form, then this comes under the category of an endless chain of causes or an infinite regress of causative agents.

This is really a cop-out, since the creation of those aliens would also need an explanation and so on, for infinity. As such all events require causes that return to an uncaused cause that is eternal. So either that is inert, lifeless matter, (refuted above) or it is what comes next.

The fourth, an eternal, unoriginated and uncreated being differing from all created things in its essence and attributes.

This is the Creator, the Lord of the Worlds, whose name is Allāh and for whom the creation and all phenomena therein are direct, first-hand, forensic and empirical evidence of His existence, just like robots that imitate humans are direct evidence for their creators.

The above line of reasoning is alluded to in the following passage of the Qur'ān:

أَمْ خُلِقُوا۟ مِنْ غَيْرِ شَىْءٍ أَمْ هُمُ ٱلْخَٰلِقُونَ ۝ أَمْ خَلَقُوا۟ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضَ بَل لَّا يُوقِنُونَ

"Were they created by nothing? Or are they the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the Earth? Rather, they are not certain." (52:35-36).

Thus, either they were created by pure nothingness, which is refuted. Or they created themselves, which is refuted. Or they created the heavens and earth and then inhabited it, which is also refuted. Or matter self-creates and self-organizes without direction or purpose, or it is

eternal and self-organizes without direction and purpose and both of these are also refuted.

There only remains one other answer, which is an eternal, uncreated being about whom the Muslim scholar Ibn al-Qayyim (d. 1350) said:

"Whoever reflects upon the whole universe, its upper and lower [parts] and all of its domains will find it bearing witness to the affirmation of its maker, originator and owner."[10]

3. Belief in a Creator is Innate, Rational and Warranted

Upon basic reflection it is clear there are **wisdoms** (*ḥikam*) and **end-goals** (*ghāyāt*) in creation.

Millions of intertwined cause-effect mechanisms can be identified between the cosmic and the microscopic and molecular levels. This indicates intended purposes, objectives and end-goals in created entities, natural phenomena and biological processes.

Research has shown that within all children there is an innate and subconscious recognition of purpose and order in the world and its components and this naturally leads to belief in a supreme Creator.

Islamically, this is referred to as **original disposition** (*fiṭrah*) and every child is born upon this state, making it inclined to belief in a Creator. It is a state of purity, innocence, and inclination towards truth and goodness.

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[10] *Madārij al-Sālikīn* (1/82).

In the absence of contrary teaching, inclined towards showing gratitude for enjoyed favours and bounties.

Professor Justin Barrett, a professor of psychology at Oxford University, explains, on the basis of research conducted by his team and which has been corroborated by others: "The preponderance of scientific evidence for the past 10 years or so has shown that a lot more seems to be built into the natural development of children's minds than we once thought, including a predisposition to see the natural world as designed and purposeful and that some kind of intelligent being is behind that purpose."[11]

The denial of wisdoms, end-goals and objectives within nature is **pure arrogation** in the face of the obvious. It is a denial of sensory perception itself. The refuge of the atheist is to make the sum of these wisdoms and end-goals to be pure illusion and the product of blind, unintelligent, purposeless forces.

However, such affairs indicate **intentionality** and the existence of the attributes of **wisdom** (*ḥikmah*) and **knowledge** (*'ilm*) and the exercise of **will** (*irādah*) and **power** (*qudrah*). From here, the dispute is about to whom or what these attributes and actions should be ascribed.

This is the key to understanding the nature of the intellectual scam that atheists are forced into when trying to present their speculative, conjectural belief as factual.

So there are only two possibilities.

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[11] *Children are born believers in God*, Telegraph, 24 November 2008.

Either intentionality is ascribed to a being external to the universe or to nature and matter itself.

It is either a Creator, external to the universe, who possesses knowledge, wisdom, will, power and other attributes. Or it is nature (matter and its properties) that possesses these attributes.

Innate disposition (*fiṭrah*), **sensory perception** (*ḥiss*), **reason** (*'aql*) and the sum of all human industrial enterprise in history indicate that wisdoms and intended purposes only come from an entity possessing these attributes. Materialists and atheists reject this by claiming that what we see of "apparent" design and purpose is merely an illusion. They then proceed to outline conjectures regarding origins of the universe and origins of life which cannot be empirically tested and verified through the scientific method and in which these attributes are stealthily assigned to matter.

This is done in a highly cryptic manner through the use of deceptive technical language. This effectively conceals the fact that they are just sophisticated versions of the ancient primitives who gave nature divine qualities.

As has preceded, the only difference between the moderns and the primitives is that the primitives worshipped nature after giving it divine qualities, whereas these moderns give nature divine qualities to explain away the Creator so as to escape from having to be thankful to Him, out of pride and arrogance. Both the ancient primitives and the modern primitives are guilty of associationism (*shirk*). The ancients were associationists in both Allāh's Lordship (*rubūbiyyah*) and right of worship

(*ulūhiyyah*). The moderns ascribe divine qualities to nature—and this is their associationism in Allāh's Lordship—out of pure arrogance, to justify their disbelief and their rejection of His right of worship (*ulūhiyyah*).

The primitives were more coherent than the arrogant moderns from one angle and the moderns are shrewder than the primitives from another angle.

If it is rationally acceptable for atheists to believe that the universe can bring itself into existence from nothing and by nothing—despite the futility of this claim—then believing in the purposeful creation of this universe by an all-powerful, all-knowing Creator has greater rational justification. As has preceded earlier, all humans are born with a hard-wired belief that the universe is ordered, purposeful and originated by a Creator[12].

The simplest of observations upon the marvels of life and the universe support this belief. **This can be denied on grounds of *emotion* and *arrogance* but not on rational or scientific grounds.**[13]

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[12] Based on research at Oxford University by Justin Barrett and Olivera Petrovich. See *Children are born believers in God, Telegraph*, 24th November 2008 and *Infants have natural belief in God*, The Age, Australia, 26th July 2008.

[13] The science used to contradict this *relies upon a prior assertion* that materialism (naturalism) is true. Materialism is not proven by science, but is an assumed starting point upon which the mechanisms and conclusions of science are kept within what is psychologically acceptable to sufferers of the mental condition known as "**cosmic authority syndrome**". See more on this further below.

In addition, the fundamental assumptions behind all scientific observation, analysis and inquiry—without which it cannot take place at all—**is design, order, and regularity in the universe and in biological life and the fact that they are rationally investigable**.

The Messengers of God (Allāh) were sent to guide people to detailed knowledge about the necessities that follow naturally and rationally from this basic, hard-wired, compelling belief.

To show devotion and gratitude for the innumerable favours one enjoys, which is the greatest justice, and to abandon the greatest injustice which is to ascribe the unique, perfect attributes and the right of worship—which belong only to God (Allāh)—to the stars and the planets, or the forces and elements, or to humans and animals or anything else within creation.

This is known as associationism (*shirk*).

It is the foundation of false religion and the basis of all injustice in the world. In the Qur'ān there occurs:

وَمِنْ ءَايَٰتِهِ ٱلَّيْلُ وَٱلنَّهَارُ وَٱلشَّمْسُ وَٱلْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا۟ لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَٱسْجُدُوا۟ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

"**And of His signs are the night and day and the sun and moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostate to Allāh, who created them, if it should be Him that you worship**." (41:37).

The sun and moon are just two examples from the connected and harmonious systems of cause and effect through which life is facilitated. They are in submission to laws and have no independent creative power. The same

applies to everything else in the universe. Thus, worship of anything in creation is futile.

4. Materialist Brainwashing Does Not Eliminate This Innate Belief

The tendency to see purpose and design in the universe cannot be erased even after extensive brainwashing with materialist beliefs.[14]

The staunchest of atheists find it impossible to avoid the use of language which assumes design, order and purpose in the universe. They claim that there is only ***an illusion of design***, indicating that they are either lying or do not trust their own physical senses—a sign of madness.

In his 1987 book, *The Blind Watchmaker*, atheist Richard Dawkins mentions "the power of natural selection", of its mimicking "**conscious design**", giving the illusion of "**design and planning**", serving as a blind "**watchmaker**" which produces animals who get the illusion that they have been "**brilliantly designed for a purpose**". He speaks of "**intricate architecture and precision-engineering**".

Elsewhere, he writes:[15]

"The more statistically improbable a thing is, the less can we believe that it just happened by blind chance. Superficially the obvious alternative to chance is an

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[14] *Humans may be primed to believe in creation*, New Scientist, 29 February 2009 and see https://aboutatheism.net/?ziggfhu.
[15] *The Necessity of Darwinism* (New Scientist, vol. 94, 15 April 1982) p. 130.

intelligent designer. But Charles Darwin showed how it is possible for blind physical forces to mimic **the effects of conscious design**, and, by **operating** as **a cumulative filter** of chance variations, to lead eventually to **organized** and **adaptive complexity**, to mosquitoes and mammoths, to humans and therefore, indirectly, to books and computers."

Thus, there is indeed design, architecture, engineering and purpose, this is undeniable. But, atheists tell us, it wasn't intentional. Nature tricks us and gives us an illusion of design. Sorry Richard, but even 4 year old kids do not fall for these elaborate, technical make-believe stories invented by grown men. This leads us to the question of what really motivates atheists and how honest they are in admitting it.

5. Materialism and Naturalism Are Emotionally Preferred World Views: The Atheist Pyramid

Right at the top in the atheist pyramid—the first of its three levels—are an extremely small minority of intelligent, non-deluded, unpretentious atheists who are honest about their convictions.

They make the frank admission that **science and its methods do not compel us to accept material explanations of the world** and that materialism is simply a preferred world view. **Richard Lewontin** is a famous evolutionary biologist and he wrote:

"Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of

the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfil many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so-stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism.

It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door."[16]

Thomas Nagel, a well-known atheist philosopher is also at the very top of the pyramid where honesty has some value. He says that materialist explanations of the universe and origins of life grant psychological relief for sufferers of the "**cosmic authority problem**" which is a mental condition atheists suffer from but which few are honest enough to admit. He writes:

"*I am talking about something much deeper—namely, the fear of religion itself. I speak from experience, being strongly subject to this fear myself: I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most*

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[16] *Billions and Billions of Demons*, New York Review of Books, 1st September 1997.

intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and, naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that.

My guess is that this cosmic authority problem is not a rare condition and that it is responsible for much of the scientism and reductionism of our time. One of the tendencies it supports is the ludicrous overuse of evolutionary biology to explain everything about life, including everything about the human mind. Darwin enabled modern secular culture to have a great collective sigh of relief, by apparently providing a way to eliminate purpose, meaning, and design as fundamental features of the world..."[17]

Darwin did not eliminate the fundamental features of purpose and design in biological systems. These features remain evident 140 years after his death and will not be eliminated with sophistry or arrogance any time soon.

Darwin enabled the re-expression of a pagan naturalist religion in a highly sophisticated way.

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[17] *The Last Word* (1997) p. 130-131. Nagel, as an atheist, is highly critical of the Darwinian materialist philosophy. He explains that its inability to explain consciousness, intentionality, meaning, or value is a major problem that has the capacity to undermine the entire naturalistic world picture. Refer also to his book, *Mind and Cosmos: Why the Materialist Neo-Darwinian Conception of Nature is Almost Certainly False*, Oxford University Press, 2012.

All biological organisms have an in-built, *purposefully designed and programmed capacity* to adapt and undergo change within defined boundaries.

Before science and its mechanisms come into play, a prior rational choice has to be made.

Either it is argued that a designer is behind this which is the default hard-wired position, confirmed by observation, sound reason and human experience.

Or it is argued that matter self-organizes through random undirected processes. This is a deviation from common sense, innate disposition and sound reason. It is only **after this choice has been made** that science and its mechanisms come into play. Few atheists are willing to admit that this is indeed the case.

Michael Ruse is an ardent evolutionist and philosopher of science. He is also another honest man.

He writes:[18]

"*Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today. Evolution therefore came into being as a kind of secular ideology, an explicit substitute for Christianity... I do nevertheless think that often Dawkins and company show the sociological characteristics of the religious... so the New Atheists loathe people like me who (like them) have no religious belief but who think that science as such does not refute religion. Having conceded this, I do also think that there are and have been Darwinians who have made something of a*

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[18] *How Evolution Became a Religion*, National Post, 13th May 2000.

religion—call it a secular religion, if you like—out of their science."

Finally, **George Klein**, cell biologist and atheist, wrote:

"I am not an agnostic. I am an atheist. My attitude is not based on science, but rather on faith... the absence of a Creator, the non-existence of God is my childhood faith, my adult belief, unshakeable and holy."[19]

This is is what most atheists believe and conceal inwardly, yet are too cowardly to admit openly.

6. The Amateur and Celebrity, Career Atheists

The second level of the atheist pyramid is made up of the not-so-honest pretentious career atheists who make use of calculated lies, distortions and very often misrepresent science and its findings.

These are people like **Richard Dawkins, Lawrence Krauss, Christopher Hitchens** and others.

They assert a level of confidence for their naturalist or materialist religion that is unwarranted and are motivated largely by emotional arguments involving morality, calamities, suffering and evil.

They conceal or misrepresent the current status of scientific knowledge about the universe and life.[20]

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[19] *The Atheist in the Holy City*, MIT Press, 1990, p. 203.

[20] The "Cosmological Principle"—the universe is the same in all directions and Earth is not in any special place and there is no special, privileged place anywhere—upon which all of modern cosmology is based has been invalidated through the latest discoveries about the universe. Just as it is also established that

Whilst claiming to be driven by science and reason, they are in reality driven by psychological reasons.

They are affected by the "*cosmic authority problem*" but are not frank enough to admit it like the genuine and honest atheists at the top.

Despite the sophistication with which their conjectures are presented, their saying ultimately reduces down to the emotionally appealing and philosophical belief of self-creation and self-organization of matter.

The universe created itself from nothing and the attributes of **knowledge**, **will**, **power** and **wisdom** that are normally ascribed to a Creator are cryptically conferred upon nature which is then characterized as "*the blind watchmaker*".

God (Allāh) said:

إِن يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا ٱلظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ

"They follow only a conjecture, and they but invent lies." (10:66).

They—acting as secular priests—and their sophistries hold sway over the run-of-the-mill atheists at the third level who are blind followers.

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the "modern synthesis" explanation for the diversity of life—natural selection acting on random mutations—is impossible. Amateur atheists like Dawkins continue to support their naturalist religion through discredited claims. At present, evolutionary biologists are racing to put another plausible theory on the table which they refer to as the "*extended evolutionary synthesis*" as a means of keeping the atheist, materialist, secular religion alive and well.

7. The Common Atheist

The third and bottom level of the pyramid is made up of the common atheists. They are mesmerized by the second level whilst oblivious to the honest admissions made by the intelligent and honest ones at the very top of the pyramid. They are ignorant of the fact that the atheist position is simply an emotionally preferred world-view and not a scientifically validated truth. This is not to imply that truths can *only* be validated by science.

8. Cosmic Authority Syndrome: The Mental Condition Underlying Atheism

In the atheist mind-set, the true underlying issue we are dealing with is "**cosmic authority syndrome**", an emotional condition representing a deviation from the human hard-wired default of intentionality, purpose and design and the necessity of a supreme authority over the universe who is its originator, owner and maintainer.

The greatest sufferer of this condition was Pharaoh to whom Moses was sent. "**And what is the Lord of the worlds?**" was Pharaoh's question to Moses, said out of arrogance and denial. Inwardly however, Pharaoh was convinced:

وَجَحَدُواْ بِهَا وَٱسْتَيْقَنَتْهَآ أَنفُسُهُمْ ظُلْمًا وَعُلُوًّا فَٱنظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَٰقِبَةُ ٱلْمُفْسِدِينَ

"**And they rejected [the signs], while their [inner] selves were convinced thereof, out of injustice and haughtiness.**" (27:14).

This is the state and condition of many of the atheists. Those in the second level of the pyramid are of this type, they are in denial about what truly and really motivates their position. It's not the science but something which comes before it. The science is just a cover. They are blindly followed by the third level who are misled to believe it is the science.

9. Who or What Did the Designing and Creating?

The issue of design and creation is not really under dispute. Everyone, including the atheist, whether inwardly or outwardly, accepts that a process of creation has taken place and that design is clearly evident.

The real issue is **to whom or what** should the qualities and actions necessary for producing this design and complexity in life and the universe be ascribed.

It is either to nature itself, or to a Creator.

Atheists play word games and *cryptically* ascribe intelligence and creative power to "nature" and then say that design is only apparent and illusory, not real. This can be found often in the writings of Richard Dawkins.

However, things and their inherent properties—collectively referred to as "matter" or "nature"—do not have any creative power in their own right, nor do they possess knowledge or foresight. Their properties and behaviours have been bestowed upon them.

In reality, these are just games to avoid ascribing **intentionality** and **wilfully chosen creative actions** to where they belong, to an agent, a Maker, a Creator.

10. Prior Commitment to Materialism

Earlier we looked at the three levels of the atheist pyramid and established that the intelligent, honest atheists at the top of the pyramid admit that science does not compel a materialist explanation of life and that atheism is simply a psychologically preferred world view.

An atheist does not want a Creator to exist and feels more comfortable emotionally without belief in a Creator.

When atheist **Peter Atkins** of Oxford University was asked about being committed to atheism and whether there could be any type of evidence that would convince him, his reply was: "*I think it's much more likely that I would have gone mad than such evidence would have been provided.*"[21] Hence, it is prior commitment to materialism as a religion and philosophy which is the real starting point, alongside some degree of arrogance.

As such, the claim that science—meaning the application of scientific method—has proved materialism and eliminated the need for a Creator is sophistry in reason made by dishonest atheists from the second level of the pyramid.[22]

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[21] *Atheist scientist's revealing answer to "could anything convince you God exists?"*, YouTube. 10 August, 2018.

[22] They make the false argument that acquisition of knowledge of cause-effect mechanisms negates agency, similar to saying that since we know the workings of an engine, then there is no need to invoke a maker or designer to explain its existence and

11. Methods of Proving the Existence of a Creator

The evidence for a Creator possessing knowledge, power and wisdom amongst many other attributes of perfection is varied and abundant and does not lie in any one particular thing or method.

The method of the Qur'ān is the use of **self-evident truths** (*bayyināt*) and **signs** (*āyāt*) and **evidences** (*barāhīn*), and involve tangible, physical entities and processes which are in the daily observation and experience of all of mankind.

These are the simplest, most direct and powerful type of evidences, because they are in the reach of all people regardless of their level of intelligence and education.

Those who focus on abstract philosophical proofs are in error as they are the weakest types of proofs. When some of these proofs are presented with false or dubious assumptions and are followed through to their logical conclusions, they establish the opposite of what they are supposed to prove.[23]

This type of innovated and fallacious philosophical rhetoric was never used by the Prophets and Messengers and nor by the Companions or early Muslims.

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function because the scientific understanding has done away with that. This is sophistry in reason.

[23] Such as the kalām cosmological argument relied upon by pseudo-philosophers and speculative theologians with their dubious assumptions.

12. Evidences for the Existence of a Creator

Allāh the Exalted, said:

أَوَلَا يَذْكُرُ ٱلْإِنسَٰنُ أَنَّا خَلَقْنَٰهُ مِن قَبْلُ وَلَمْ يَكُ شَيْـًٔا

"**Does man not remember that We created him before, while he was nothing?**" (19:67).

The knowledge of each individual person that he was non-existent and did not create himself or create the means (reproduction) through which he comes to be is a **self-evident truth**.

Every person knows he never brought his own self into being from non-being. This extends to all living beings in the universe, they did not originate themselves.

Allāh the Exalted also says:

أَمْ خُلِقُوا۟ مِنْ غَيْرِ شَىْءٍ أَمْ هُمُ ٱلْخَٰلِقُونَ ۝ أَمْ خَلَقُوا۟ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضَ بَل لَّا يُوقِنُونَ

"**Were they created by nothing? Or are they the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the Earth? Rather, they are not certain**." (52:35-36).

This verse demonstrates through a series of rhetorical questions that the knowledge that man did not create the universe in which he resides is another self-evident truth.

Likewise, the knowledge that the universe did not create itself is a self-evident truth.

Likewise, the knowledge that multiple universes do not come into existence except with a force external to the sum of them is a self-evident truth.

All of this knowledge is innate, intuitive, necessary, self-evident and not does require any empirical evidence

for it to be considered true. Therefore, there are only three possibilities. Either "*nothing created something else*" or "*something created itself*" or "*something created something else*".

When each of these three possibilities are presented, all people of sound mind (even honest atheists) will say the latter, that "***something created something else***" appeals most to common sense and reason. This is intuitive, rational and in accordance with the sum of human observation and experience.

This "something" that did the creating is Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds, the all-Knowing, all-Powerful, all-Wise, Masterful Creator, as has preceded.

In support of this are numerous other lines of evidence.

First, all humans are programmed with this belief:[24]

فِطْرَتَ ٱللَّهِ ٱلَّتِى فَطَرَ ٱلنَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ ٱللَّهِ

"The original disposition upon which Allāh created mankind, let there be no change in Allāh's creation" (30:30).

This original disposition is known in Arabic as the *fiṭrah* and every child is born upon it. The Prophet Muḥammad (peace be upon him) said, "*Every child is born upon the fiṭrah.*"[25]

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[24] As corroborated by research at Oxford University by Justin Barrett and Olivera Petrovich and refer also to *Humans may be primed to believe in creation*, New Scientist 29th February 2009.

[25] Reported by Muslim.

Allāh created mankind with an inclination to believe in Him and a desire to show gratitude and devotion to Him for the innumerable benefits they enjoy. Likewise, to be inclined towards truth and to all things beneficial, with aversion to what is false and harmful.

This natural, original inclination can be corrupted however, and lead a person to false religion.

Second, observation compels this belief.

قُلِ ٱنظُرُواْ مَاذَا فِى ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ

"**Say: 'Observe what is in the heavens and earth.'**" (10:101).

وَفِىٓ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ

"**And within your own selves [are signs], will you then not see?**" (51:21).

Atheist Richard Dawkins admits:

"I *think that when you consider the beauty of the world and you wonder how it came to be what it is, you are naturally overwhelmed with a feeling of awe, a feeling of admiration and you almost feel a desire to worship something.*

I feel this, I recognise that other scientists such as Carl Sagan feel this, Einstein felt it.

We, all of us, share a kind of religious reverence for the beauties of the universe, for the complexity of life. For the sheer magnitude of the cosmos, the sheer magnitude of geological time.

And it's tempting to translate that feeling of awe and worship into a desire to worship some particular thing, a

person, an agent. You want to attribute it to a maker, to a creator."[26]

To escape from what belief in a Creator necessitates—showing gratitude and devotion to this Creator for the innumerable benefits one enjoys—a make-believe story is told: Matter self-creates and self-organizes to produce trees, birds, humans, airplanes and the Internet by random undirected processes which give the illusion of design! This explanation only arises after materialism is assumed to be true.

To Dawkins, it is *a blind watchmaker* who, without intent and purpose and in complete oblivion to what he is doing, manages to create a magnificent watch without even having that goal in mind.

This is the sum of the knowledge of atheists and is all that they have to offer in response to the compelling rational argument through the evident intentionality and design in creation and life.

Third, at the point of certain or impending death—when all the ways and means and material causes and effects are cut off—an atheist is consumed by the hope that rescue is still possible and a motion of appeal arises in his heart towards an object or being from which relief is anticipated.[27]

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[26] In his Fixed-Point debate at the University of Alabama (2007).

[27] It is not necessary that this motion of appeal and movement of the heart be towards the Creator Himself, it can be towards anything, and this shows that the heart seeks something beyond the material causes.

This activity in the heart may or may not be vocalized, but it is a type of inward invocation and shows an inner belief and hope that despite the absence and expiration of all material causes of deliverance and safety, there is something or someone beyond them that can save and deliver from impending doom.

أَمَّن يُجِيبُ ٱلْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ ٱلسُّوٓءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَآءَ ٱلْأَرْضِ أَءِلَٰهٌ مَّعَ ٱللَّهِ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

"Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes the calamity and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allāh? Little do you remember." (27:62)

However, often, when such people are delivered they forget what passed through their hearts and continue in their denial and ingratitude.

This is further proof of an intrinsic, subconscious belief in a power above and beyond the material causes and effects.

Fourth, the immediate and natural anticipation of justice by an infant, child or adult when oppressed or harmed by others is proof of hard-wiring with an objective standard of justice that emanates from another being [Allāh] and which extends from the balance, justice and order upon which the universe has been created.

People have an innate belief in justice and expect it when wronged. This is part of the *fiṭrah* mentioned earlier. Objective justice and morality exist by virtue of the fact that God (Allāh) created the universe, gave man a conscience, and imposed scales of justice therein:

وَٱلسَّمَآءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ ٱلْمِيزَانَ ۝ أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا۟ فِى ٱلْمِيزَانِ

"And the heaven He raised and imposed the balance [of justice], that you not transgress within the balance." (55:7-8).

The Qur'ān commentators explain that oppression is a deviation from the imposed balance of justice.

Fifth, the collection of all independent or intertwined systems of material causes (*asbāb*) and their effects (*musabbabāt*) are evidence of their originator and determiner who must be external to the sum of them. They are the clearest of evidences for **intentionality, purposefulness** and **end-goals** in creation.

Allāh, the Exalted said:

وَٱللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

"While Allāh created you and that which you make." (37:96)

Meaning you invent and create things through your own hands, being supported in that through material causes and effects which have been placed for your use and Allāh is your Creator and of what you do and the causes and effects which you rely upon to create whatever you create.

So is He not worthy of gratitude and devotion exclusive to the deities you fabricate with your own hands?

And if you marvel at what you create with your own hands with the attributes of knowledge, power, wisdom and skill, and for which you feel pride then you ought to marvel at the handiwork of the Creator:

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ وَٱخْتِلَٰفِ ٱلَّيْلِ وَٱلنَّهَارِ لَءَايَٰتٍ لِّأُو۟لِى ٱلْأَلْبَٰبِ

"**Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.**" (3:190).

Sixth, the study of biological organisms to find design protocols and aid in technological innovation provides clear and undeniable evidence of purposeful design and intentionality in biological life. Otherwise, the merging of technology with biological systems would simply not be possible.

Where there is intentionality and design, a designer possessing knowledge, will and power follows by necessity in human reasoning.

This reasoning is not falsifiable.

Atheists know this argument is logically compelling and cannot be easily undermined.[28]

Unable to refute it on rational grounds, their position is to offer an alternative, competing way of looking at the universe: It created itself and self-organized in a random, undirected, non-purposeful way to produce galaxies, stars and planets and all diversity in life, but without intending to do so.

This is a linguistic trick where **intentionality** or **choice with intent**, or **knowledge, will, power and wisdom** are cryptically ascribed to nature and then hidden through sleight-of-tongue tricks.

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[28] Richard Dawkins admits this in his book *The God Delusion*, indicating that the argument from design is compelling.

13. The Call of the Prophets and Messengers

Prior to the modern era, rejection of belief in a supreme Creator was rare and thus, the Prophets and Messengers were not sent to establish this belief:

قَالَتْ رُسُلُهُمْ أَفِي ٱللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ

"Their messengers said: Is there any doubt about Allāh, the Originator of the Heavens and Earth?" (14:10).

Meaning, there is no doubt concerning the existence of Allāḥ, the Originator of the Heavens and the Earth, as this is something rooted in the original disposition and sound reason.

Rather, the Messengers were sent with the rational necessity (*ḍarūrah*) demanded by this innate, original disposition, which is:

Giving devotion and showing gratitude to this Creator *alone* for the innumerable bounties and favours that one enjoys. Hence, all the Prophets and Messengers, from Noah to Muḥammad (peace be upon them) said:

يَٰقَوْمِ ٱعْبُدُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ مَا لَكُم مِّنْ إِلَٰهٍ غَيْرُهُۥ

"O my people, worship Allāh alone, you have no other deity besides Him." (7:59).

This is monotheism (*tawḥīd*) and is the justice and balance upon which the universe is established. This was the message of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muḥammad (peace be upon them all) and is the foundation of Islām.

It is the quintessence of justice, and from it every other justice is derived and is subsidiary to it, and all of it is

comprised in Divine Law which preserves and protects those necessities without which the world cannot be set aright, without which justice, peace, safety and security cannot be established for mankind.[29]

All of humanity was once united upon this way of worshipping God (Allāh) alone and novel religions and schisms arose due to: **a)** exaggeration in the status of righteous people, **b)** awe of natural phenomena and of the life force in nature and **c)** awe of the celestial bodies and their movements.

These affairs, coupled with ignorance, caused some among mankind to deviate from both natural inclination (*fiṭrah*) and sound reason (*'aql*) and led them to invent religions in which the worship of created elements, bodies, entities and forces was justified on **crude emotional grounds** or **reasoned philosophical ones**.[30]

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[29] They are the preservation of **a) authentic religion**, **b) life**, **c) intellect**, **d) lineage and honour** and **e) wealth**. They are known as the **five necessities** (*al-ḍarūrāt al-khams*).

[30] Departure from the truth took place recurringly for the same basic reasons among nations across the Earth. When people saw the benefits and harms latent in natural phenomena such as the sun, wind, rain, fire, rivers, animals, men and so on, they began to assign divine attributes to these entities. They began to revere them—initially alongside God, and then later, besides God—so as to solicit benefits and ward off harms. This led to a decline in monotheistic belief and practice and the concurrent development of folk and cult religions in which those with an appetite for power, authority and wealth were able to manipulate these aberrations of human instinct for their own

God (Allāh) said in the Qur'ān:

كَانَ ٱلنَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَٰحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلنَّبِيِّـۧنَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ وَأَنزَلَ مَعَهُمُ ٱلْكِتَٰبَ بِٱلْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ ٱلنَّاسِ فِيمَا ٱخْتَلَفُوا۟ فِيهِ

"Mankind was one nation [which was united upon Islām, but then became divided]. Then God (Allāh) sent the prophets as bringers of good tidings and warners and sent down with them the Scripture in truth to judge between the people concerning that in which they differed." (2:213).

Revelation came to guide them away from false religion and back to the truth and to resolve the differing they had fallen into regarding it.

14. False Religion

Throughout history, people deviated from innate disposition (*fiṭrah*) sound reason (*'aql*) and the message of the Prophets (*risālah*) and began to give others a share in the devotion that is due rightfully only to the Creator.[31]

Monotheism devolves into paganism and idolatry and not the other way around as is falsely taught in the anthropology of religion without any evidence.

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personal, material benefit. They accumulated power, authority and ascendancy through false religion. Such people became the first enemies to the Messengers of God because the message of Islām liberates people from enslavement to whims and desires.

[31] The claim that worship of nature and paganism, over time, evolved into monotheism is without evidence and false.

The worship of others—be they humans, the planetary bodies including the Earth, sun and moon, the forces or the elements, trees, stones, even the Prophets themselves or the righteous living or dead—is the greatest injustice (*ḍhulm*), and from it stems every other injustice and corruption on Earth.

In Islāmic terminology it is referred to as associationism (*shirk*). It is a violation of the truth upon which the universe stands and persists.

When a religion is founded upon worship of other than Allāh or is named exclusively after an individual, a prophet or otherwise, or after a race, or after an element amongst the elements or a force amongst the forces, or a cause amongst the causes or an effect amongst the effects, or any part of what is referred to as *nature*, it is known not to have come from Allāh, the Lord and Creator. It is a contrivance, an invention of the human mind.

Besides the name of Islām, the names of all religions are contrived and invented and do not reflect the true, original message of pure monotheism (*Tawḥīd*) and submission (*Islām*) which every Prophet came with:[32]

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[32] For example, **Judaism** is named after a tribe and is considered by most Jews as an ethnocentric and nationalistic religion. The form it has taken, Rabbinical Judaism, is not the religion Moses (peace be upon him) came with and is a departure from it. **Christianity** is named after Jesus Christ. **Hinduism** is named after a place. **Buddhism** is named after a person. **Sikhism** is a hybridisation of other religions, mixing philosophy, paganism and pantheism. Then there are

God (Allāh) said in the Qur'ān:

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلنَّاسُ ٱعْبُدُوا۟ رَبَّكُمُ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَكُمْ وَٱلَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ۝ ٱلَّذِى جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلْأَرْضَ فِرَٰشًا وَٱلسَّمَآءَ بِنَآءً وَأَنزَلَ مِنَ ٱلسَّمَآءِ مَآءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِۦ مِنَ ٱلثَّمَرَٰتِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا۟ لِلَّهِ أَندَادًا وَأَنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

"O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous - [He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you. So do not attribute to Allāh equals while you know [that there is nothing similar to Him]." (2:21-22).

The greatest injustice is to ascribe partners to God (Allāh) in worship whilst acknowledging that He is your sole Creator, Provider and Benefactor.

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multitudes of pagan religions in which nature, the elements and forces are worshipped. As for Islām, it means "submission", and refers to the universal order, in which all things are in submission, strictly following the physical laws of creation, and with respect to which all people are equally subject, the believer, and the non-believer. Then there is **willing submission**, out of choice, which means worship and obedience, to be in conformity with, not in violation of, the imposed balance of justice in creation.

Hence, the word "Islām" is a description of the state and true relationship of the servant to his Lord and is not tied to any person, place or thing. This is the name of true religion, all the Prophets were Muslims and their religion was Islām.

15. Some Common Doubts and Misconceptions

Atheists have numerous doubts and misconceptions, the most common are explained below.

1. If God exists then who created Him?

First, there is an implicit agreement within this question that the world and everything therein is created. We know that a mobile phone, a bionic arm, or an artificial computer brain and a robot are all created. Asking who created the creators of these things does not deny or change the fact that these things are indeed created and are the products of intentionality, or knowledge, will, wisdom and power. This question simply represents ignorance about the Creator.

Second, this is an illegitimate question because by definition God, the Creator is eternal and uncreated. This question is only posed by an ignorant person or a deceptive person. It involves a deliberate confusion of categories. It is like asking how many ounces the temperature is today. Ounces are a measurement of weight, not temperature. Likewise, asking whether John gave birth to a boy or girl. Biological males do not and cannot give birth, only females do. Similarly, you do not ask who created God, as God is not in the category of created things.

Third, it asserts an endless chain of causative agents which is impossible. It also entails that this God is created and is not really God, but from the generality of creation, like all other things. Hence, the question is no longer

about an uncreated Creator, but just another entity from within creation.[33]

Fourth, just like many atheists claim that the universe is eternal and has always been there, then in their view, it would also be illegitimate to ask, "If the universe always existed and is eternal, who created it?"

However, the universe, what we can see from it, has clear and evident signs of creation, intentionality, purposefulness and can be demonstrated to be a product of knowledge, will, power and choice, and therefore something emergent and created, not eternal.

2. Evolution is a scientific fact, we do not need a God to explain life.

Evolution as a "term" is deliberately and deceptively defined in a very broad, ambiguous, catch-all, elastic way, rendering it scientifically meaningless.[34]

Biological organisms have an in-built, pre-programmed capacity to adapt and undergo variations,

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[33] Refer to *Dar' al-Ta'āruḍ* (3/313-315).

[34] For example, "*change over time*", or "*descent with modification*" (which simply means having children), or "*change in the properties of populations of organisms that transcend the lifetime of a single individual*". These are so broad that they can incorporate any and all observations. The apparent meanings conveyed through such very broad definitions are not in dispute, because they refer to what is observable. However, an inflated, non-scientific extrapolation is made from these deliberately broad definitions in order to support a metaphysical, religious belief that materialism or naturalism are true and can explain life without a Creator.

but these are strictly within limits. This is what is observed and factual, and is known as **microevolution**.

However, evolutionists make an unproven, non-scientific extrapolation in order to claim **macroevolution** took place over longer geological timescales.

Hence, it is mere speculation and conjecture, devoid of scientific evidence. For this reason, it has been called, "**a basic article of faith**" for evolutionists.[35]

In the recent 2022 paper, "*Neo-Darwinism must mutate to survive*", authors Brown and Hullender[36] explain that the modern synthesis—which provides the alleged mechanism for evolution, "random mutations" acted upon by "natural selection"—cannot, after more than half a century of research, be extended beyond microevolution, that research in this field has come to a dead end and that this theory must itself mutate in order to survive.

Here are some of their statements:

"*Microevolution does not explain speciation — only smaller changes*" and "*...macroevolution via survival of the fittest is not salvageable by arguments for random genetic drift and other proposed mechanisms.*"

"*Selection based on survival of the fittest, for anything beyond single mutational changes in a genome, is insufficient scientifically and biologically.*"

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[35] Keith Stewart Thomson, *Macroevolution: The Morphological Problem*, American Zoologist 32:106,107, 1992.

[36] Olen R Brown, David A Hullender, *Neo-Darwinism must Mutate to survive*, Prog Biophys Mol Biol, 2022, Aug:172:24-38.

"...evolution lacks a sufficient mechanism for multifactorial selections because a process that looks forward, is non-random, deterministic, or occurs by an unknown biological process, is required..."

In this last statement, the authors are admitting that the position of mainstream biologists— that nature is always non-purposeful—is no longer tenable.

There are many similar statements from scientists and evolutionary biologists and this reality has been known and written about for decades in scientific journals.

Hence, we must separate fact from fiction.

It is common for atheists to misrepresent the status of current scientific knowledge due to ignorance, laziness and blind-following of the priests of scientism.

Biological life is an information science and parallels have been drawn between it and computer networks, information technology and programming.

This undeniably indicates **agency**, **intentionality** and **purposeful, wise creation**.

Biomimicry is a recent and developing industry in which man attempts to imitate biological processes through the use of his faculties of knowledge, will, wisdom, ability and power.

If a bionic arm or an artificial brain and whatever is like this is the product of man's expansive, integrated knowledge of many disciplines, of his will, wisdom and power, and is purposeful, being the product of biomimicry, then the thing mimicked is even more worthy of being the product of knowledge, will, wisdom and power, or in short, intentionality.

This is compelling and undeniable.

In short, it is not possible to keep pretending as if there is no purpose, intentionality or design in creation.

3. If there is an all-powerful, all-knowing and compassionate God, why is there so much pain and suffering in the world?

This is not a rational or logical argument, but an emotional and illogical one.

It simply reflects a person's ignorance or inability to reconcile between God's perfect attributes—including wisdom, justice and mercy—with the purpose of man's creation and the reasons for pain and suffering in the world.

First, all the pain and suffering in the world is very small and insignificant compared to all the benefits, pleasures and happiness that mankind enjoys. Every day, **billions of people** enjoy air, water, food, relationships, and various other enjoyments and pleasures of the world, all of which drown out whatever pain and suffering takes place.

Second, most pain and suffering returns back to man and his actions,[37] when he exceeds the limits through greed, jealousy, anger, lust and other impulses of the heart which are acted upon by individuals, corporations and governments. Revealed legislation prohibits all of the causes of pain, harm, evil and suffering.

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[37] Natural disasters can either be a trial, for expiation of sins and shortcomings, or a punishment for sins and iniquities.

Third, if the atheist was truly convinced there is no evidence for a God, he would not be asking this question.

This is because he would simply blame all pain and suffering upon geological and biological evolution, upon natural selection and upon the material causes and effects, since that is what he ascribes "creation" to, when he adduces arguments against the existence of God. Thus, the question is redundant and meaningless.

To blame what is, in his mind, an imaginary, non-existing entity shows that subconsciously, he believes in a God, because he is trying to find someone or something to blame, and if such an entity did not exist, he would not have raised this question.

4. If science can't be used to prove something exists, then there can be no proof for its existence or non-existence.

First, we must distinguish between **a)** "**scientism**" which is a philosophy and religion asserting that science is the only route to knowledge, a claim that has not been verified and demonstrated by the scientific method itself, and **b)** the "**scientific method**" which is a tool, a process and method of inquiry for building knowledge in a particular field or area. Hence, we do not say, "science says this or that", but we say "the current status of knowledge in this topic of field is such and such."

Second, the scientific method[38] can very easily be employed to determine whether something is the product

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[38] For a detailed explanation of the scientific method and its application refer to: https://abuiyaad.com/w/scientific-method.

of agency, of intentionality, of the attributes of knowledge, will and power, or merely a product of the randomness of physicochemical dynamics. This hypothesis can then be tested in a laboratory with experiments. Science as a method can be used to prove or falsify a hypothesis.

However, the fact of the matter is that the sum whole of human experience, industry and enterprise has already proven this hypothesis.

For example, the creation of robots with computer brains (artificial intelligence) trying to mimic humans, their functions and thought processes is perhaps one of the clearest of evidences that humans and biological life in general are the product of knowledge, will, power and wisdom.

In addition, all origin of life experiments in which attempts are made in the laboratory to use the various chemical components necessary in order to generate the basics of biological function have failed.

The law of **biogenesis**, [life only ever arises from life] has never been proven false to date, which means that even with vast knowledge across many disciplines and intelligence, humans are unable to generate life from non-life (chemicals).[39]

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[39] This means that ultimately, atheists rely upon chance and probability arguments, which are not scientific arguments, they do not follow the scientific method, and are simply desperate attempts at make-believe.

5. You merely have faith in God but no evidence.

There is a simple and profound answer to this:

The atheist has great faith that the universe and all things therein therein—the amazing signs and the astounding arrangement of biological life—came to be without intentionality, not being the product of knowledge, will, power and wisdom.

That being so, it requires much less faith that it is the product of intentionality, and knowledge, will, power and wisdom. This is much more believable.

Rather, this is proven in the laboratory of human experience, industry and enterprise.

Accepting the plausibility of the first and rejecting the plausibility and rationality of the second is pure arrogance.

16. Rationalising Emotional and Psychological Denial

The true and real perspective of the atheists and their battleground is that they are trying to fight the intuitive, sensory, and rational necessity because they have chosen philosophical naturalism and materialism as the default for what are really emotional and psychological reasons, not rational or scientific ones.

Their subsequent use of philosophy and science is to make their psychological denial appear to be rational, and hence what we have is circular logic that runs as follows:

In observation and study of the living things, the world and the universe, ***we will never observe God*** *(prior belief, assumption). We've studied living things, the world and the universe and never found any sign of God. God does not exist.*

And put in another way:

Darwinian evolution must account for life otherwise the alternative is a purposeful designer and creator which is unacceptable ***because philosophical materialism and naturalism is the truth*** *(prior belief, assumption). Hence, in a naturalist, materialist world, the only possible explanation is evolution of inorganic matter to organic matter to living organisms, and since naturalism is the truth, then evolution has to be the truth and the only possible explanation for life.*

This tautological, question-begging, circular reasoning is driven by a prior commitment to naturalism and is not the product of genuine scientific inquiry that strictly follows the scientific method.

17. Conclusion

We can summarise what has preceded with the following:

1. Atheism is a psychologically and philosophically preferred position and not something that is demonstrated by the scientific method, which according to atheists is the only credible route to knowledge. However, "science" is used to mask this philosophical position. There is a difference between **scientism** and the **scientific method of inquiry**, which is a fairly reliable

means of acquiring knowledge about cause-effect mechanisms.

2. Atheists claim to have "absence of beliefs" for the purpose of shielding themselves from scrutiny. In reality, they have "belief in the absence of God" and simply play word games to engineer a position statement in which they do not have to justify and prove their positively asserted claim, secret inner belief and conviction that there is no God.

3. This behaviour is due to the psychological condition known as "**cosmic authority syndrome**" which is their aversion and dislike that there should be an authority over the universe. This is philosophical and psychological and has nothing to do with science.

4. Belief in a Creator is **innate**, **rational** and **warranted**. Children are born predisposed to identifying and recognising the marks of design and are naturally inclined to belief in God.

5. The entire universe, the world and all life therein provides direct observable evidence of intentionality and agency. This can only explained as having been originated by **a)** pure nothingness, **b)** by self-creation and self-organisation, **c)** by aliens, which is an infinite regress of causes, or **d)** by an uncreated eternal being. The first three are false, leaving only the fourth, and what is observed in creation corresponds and agrees with this.

6. Systematic brainwashing in materialist philosophy from early life to higher education cannot erase the original disposition (*fiṭrah*) and the natural tendency to

see order, design, regularity, functionality, beauty and higher wisdom in creation.

7. Many atheists openly admit that being an atheist has nothing do with science. Rather, it is merely a **philosophically and psychologically preferred world view** and some such as Michael Ruse, openly declare that Darwinism, which drives their atheism, is in reality a **secular religion**. These types of people are at the top of the atheist pyramid. Below them are the charlatans such as Richard Dawkins and the failed and obsolete New Atheists who failed miserably to promote and give traction to their secular religion. Below them are the atheist commoners who are misled through theories alleged to be science (Big Bang Cosmology, Neo-Darwinism) but which are in reality, just conjectures and speculations propped up with inventive theory and are not demonstrated through the scientific method.[40]

8. The avenues and methods for proving the existence of an uncreated, eternal Creator are many and are not restricted to any one approach or any one thing as evidence. Rather, the existence of a Creator is the most evident truth and it is the most obvious and apparent of all types of knowledge.

9. The Prophets and Messengers did not call to mere belief in a Creator, as that was never disputed by any nation. They called to singling out this Lord and Creator

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[40] See *Neo-Darwinism Must Mutate to Survive* which is commentary on a science paper with the same title: https://abuiyaad.com/a/neo-darwinism-mutate-survive

with worship, devotion and gratitude for the innumerable favours and bounties that all men and women enjoy on a daily basis. This is true religion, to worship God alone and to shun worship and subservience to other false deities which have been invented and erected. It is the foundation of all justice and the peak of intellect.

11. When one reflects on all the blessings, bounties and favours enjoyed on a daily basis, the blessing of air, water, food, family, relationships, use of various faculties such as reason, and those of the physical body, such as the eyes, ears, hands, arms, feet, legs, and when one would refuse to accept large sums of money to relinquish the faculty of vision for example[41], the tremendous value of these bounties and favours becomes apparent.

If some stranger anonymously gave you £10 million or left you a huge mansion filled with luxuries, there would be a strong natural and compelling desire to want to know this stranger and to be grateful to him. This is the reality of mankind's relationship to their Creator.

The path of gratitude lies in Islām whose guidance nurtures the original disposition—*fiṭrah*, the natural inclination towards truth and goodness—to outward perfection in morals and character.

To learn more about the *fiṭrah* and Islām, refer to the book, "This is Islām"[42] by the author.

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[41] No person would be willing to accept millions of dollars in exchange for his eyes, or for his hands.

[42] Visit https://abuiyaad.com/e/this-is-islam for a digital version of the book on Kindle.

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Cell biologist and atheist, George Klein :

"I am not an agnostic. I am an atheist. My attitude is not based on science, but rather on faith...the absence of a Creator, the non-existence of God is my childhood faith, my adult belief, unshakeable and holy."

- In *The Atheist in the Holy City*, MIT Press, 1990, p. 203.

What George Klein stated honestly and frankly, is what most atheists believed and conceal inwardly yet are too cowardly to admit openly.